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DEPT FOR CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARDSON JR FROM AM-BASSADOR

CINCLANT FOR GENERAL ADAMS

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1. STRONGLY URGE CU APPROVAL FOR IV GRANT BJORN JONSSON, NEW MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS, WH CO, IT NOW APPARENT, WILL HOLD KEY VOTE IN CABINET DECISION ON THE VERY IMPORTANT U.S. NATO BASE RETENTION ISSUE. REQUEST EXCEPTION TO GENERAL PROCEDURE ON CONSECUTIVE IV GRANTS IN SHORT SUCCESSION. EXCEPTION WARRANTED BY HIS NEW POSITION.

2. FOR IMPORTANCE OF THE BASE ISSUE, CONTACT GENERAL ADAMS, CINCLANT, NORFOLK, AND AMBASSADOR HILL, DOD/ISA.

3. THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT ARRANGED FOR HANNIBAL VALDIMARSSON WHO HELD THIS CABINET PORTFOLIO PRIOR TO JONSSON. WE UNDERSTAND VALDIMARSSON'S GRANT WAS JOINTLY FINANCED BY DEFENSE.

4. PROGRAM WILL BE FOR PROBABLY TWO WEEKS, COMMENCING ABOUT MIDDLE OF OCTOBER. IT MAY ALSO BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE GRANT TO HALLGRIMUR DALBERG, WHO RECENTLY APPOINTED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF JONSSON'S MINISTRY, AND TO WHOM IT IS NOW BE-
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COMING APPARENT JONSSON LOOKS FOR ADVICE ON DEFENSE ISSUE.

DALBERG IS KEY MEMBER OF ICELANDIC DEFENSE COUNCIL.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL OF THESE TWO
GRANTS BY SEPTEMBER 17 SO THAT WE MAY MAKE OVERTURE TO THE MINIS-
TRY. WILL THEN SEND YOU SOME SUGGESTIONS ON PROGRAM.

6. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST.
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